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Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/52/L.72

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. By operative paragraph 1 of draft resolution A/52/L.72, the General Assembly would decide to establish the post of Deputy Secretary-General.

2. By operative paragraph 11 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would endorse the recommendation of the Secretary-General to discontinue the High-level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development.

3. In connection with the creation of a post of Deputy Secretary-General, the Secretary-General would propose that the salary be set at the mid-point between that of the Secretary-General and that of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, and that there be a representation allowance, as indicated in paragraph 1A.2 of his report (A/52/303). Such requirements for the biennium 1998-1999 have been estimated in the amount of $621,100, consisting of salary ($421,800), representation allowance ($30,000) and common staff costs ($169,300). These requirements have been included under section 1A, Overall policy-making, direction and coordination, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 (see A/52/303, sect. III, table 1).

4. With regard to the High-level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development, a provision of $362,300 has been made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 under section 7A, Economic and social affairs. With the discontinuation of the High-level Advisory Board, this provision would no longer be necessary.

5. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/52/L.72, no additional requirements would arise in respect of the creation of the post of Deputy Secretary-General beyond those already foreseen and mentioned in paragraph 1A.2 of the report of the Secretary-General (A/52/303). On the other hand, a reduction of $362,300 under section 7A would result from the discontinuation of the High-level Advisory Board.